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Response to First Office Action of 10/24/02

Dear Sir:

In Response to the office action of October 24, 2002 the Applicants elect to pursue invention I claims 1 to 6 and 11- 22 in this application. Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application for the invention claimed in invention II claims 7 to 10.

Respectfully submitted,

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